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DRV SAM FACILITIES REPORT ON THE SHOOTDOWN OF A HOSTILEAIRCRAFT AND THE SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE OF THE PILOT((ALL TIMES ZULU)) XXCC IN A 0600 HOUR PARTIAL POST LAUNCH REPORT FROM ASPEAKER AT A SAM BATTALION LAST LOCATED AT 2055N-10635E, TO THEROBABLE HAIPHONG SAM REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER ON03 JANUARY, THE SPEAKER REVEALED THAT THE BATTALION HADLAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AT A TARGET AT AN UNDISCLOSED TIMEPRIOR TO 0600 USING THE HEAD-ON INTERCEPT METHOD. IT WASFURTHER REFVEALED THAT THE FIRST MISSILE HAD GONE STRAIGHTTO THE TARGET AND DETONATED ON AN AZIMUTH OF 150 DEGREESAT A RANGE OF 11.9 NM AND THAT THE TARGET EXPLODED. THESPEAKER WENT ON TO SAY THE SECOND MISSILE DETONATED AT ARANGE OF 10.8 NM BUT GAVE NO INFORMATION AS TO THE REYILTSOF THE EXPLOSION. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS REFLECTED ATTHIS TIME. LATER, IN A CONVERSATION AT 0626 BETWEEN THE POSSIBLEHAIPHONG SAM REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER AND A SPEAKER AT ANUNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE, THE POSSIBLE BONTROLLER STATED THATA SAM BATTALION LOCATED AT 2049N-10633E AND AN UNIDENTIFIEDSAM BATTALION "ACTED IN A STRONGLY UNITED AND CONCENTRATEDEFFORT, IN A STRIKE, A VERY GOOD BATTLE STRIKE, AND SHOTDOWN ON THE SPOT AND CAPTURED ALIVE A BANDIT PILOT." USA-32'S TACREP 006-68 DTG 030655Z, AND 007-68 (SONGBIRD) DTG030721Z, REFER. COMMENTS: AVAILABLE OPERATIONAL REPORTS DETAIL THE SHOOT-DOWN OF A NAVY A4C (MONTANA 405) AT APPROXIMATELY 0418 INVICINITY OF 2043N-10631E, THAT MAY CORRELATE TO THIS ACTIVITY.AT 0418 3 MISSILES REPORTEDLY FIRED FROM A SITE AT 2051N-10637E WERE SIGHTED BY BOTH MONTANA 405 AND 407 AND THEYBROKE INTO THE M SSILES IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK TRACK. THE FIRST SAM WAS SEEN TO IMPACT WITH MONTANA 405 AT ANALTITUDE OF 10,000 FEET, WITH THE BURST COMPLETELY ENGULF-ING THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT EJECTED AT APPROXIMATELY7,000 FEET WITH A GOOD CHUTE. MONTANA 407 WAS BUFFETEDBY EXPLOSIONS OF THE OTHER TWO MISSILES BUT WAS UNHARMEDAND AT 0419 OBSERVED THE PILOT OF MONATAN 405 LANDING INTHE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KINH TRI VILLAGE (2040N-10630E). THE PILOT'S CHUTE WAS OBSERVED ON THE GROUND AND A BEEPERWAS HEARD DURING DESCENT, BUT WHEN SAR WAS INITIDATED THECHUTE HAD DISAPPEARED AND NO BEEPER WAS HEARD. SAR EFFORTWAS DISCONTINUED AT APPROXIMATELY 430 WITHOUT FURTHERDETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF MONTANA 405'S PILOT.XXHH 543

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